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"THEN THEY THAT FEARED THE LORD SPAKE OFTEN ONE TO ANOTHER."

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THE CHURCH

Pray for the Latter Rain

O pray for rain, brethren, pray for rain;
The precious showers are due
To ripen off the golden grain;
God's promises are true.

The latter rain, brethren, the latter rain—
The Spirit's might and power—
Awaits God's saints who now remain
In this auspicious hour.

The sound of rain, brethren, the sound
of rain
Increaseth in our ears;
Gird up thy loins, the word make plain,
Most blessed is he who hears.

The latter rain, brethren, the latter rain
Is now the need of all;
No longer let our courage wane,
The showers begin to fall.

—C. H. Keslake.

Christ Our Example in Medical Missionary Work. Part 1

TO MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Christ, the great Medical Missionary, came to our world as the ideal of all truth. Truth never languished on His lips, never suffered in His hands. Words of truth fell from His lips with the freshness and power of a new revelation. He unfolded the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, bringing forth jewel after jewel of truth.

Christ spoke with authority. Every truth essential for the people to know, He proclaimed with the unfaltering assurance of certain knowledge. He uttered nothing

ing fanciful or sentimental. He presented no sophistries, no human opinions. No idle tales, no false theories clothed in beautiful language, came from His lips. The statements that He made were truths established by personal knowledge. He foresaw the delusive doctrines that would fill the world, but He did not unfold them. In His teaching He dwelt upon the unchangeable principles of God's Word. He magnified the simple, practical truths that the common people could understand, and bring into the daily experience.

Christ might have opened to men the deepest truths of science. He might have unlocked mysteries that would have required centuries of toil and study to penetrate. He might have made suggestions in scientific lines that would have afforded food for thought and stimulus for invention to the close of time. But He did not do this. He said nothing to gratify curiosity, or to satisfy man's ambitions by opening doors to worldly greatness. In all His teaching Christ brought the minds of men in contact with the Infinite Mind. He did not direct the people to study men's theories about God, His Word, or His works. He taught them to behold Him as manifest in His works, in His Word, and as manifested by His providences.

CHRIST'S VICTORY; OUR UNBELIEF.

While upon this earth, the Son of God was the Son of man; yet there were times when His di-

vinity flashed forth. Thus it was when He said to the paralytic, "Be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee."

"But there were certain of the scribes sitting there," who "began to reason," not openly, but "in their hearts," "saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

"And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house."

The great Medical Missionary took away the sins of the paralytic, and then presented Him to God as pardoned. And He gave him also physical healing. God had given His Son power to lay hold of the eternal throne. While Christ stood forth in His own personality, He reflected the luster of the position of honor that He had held within the enriching light of the eternal throne.

On another occasion, Christ made the request, "Father, glorify Thy name." And in answer there came a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

If this Voice did not move the impenitent, if the power that Christ manifested in His mighty miracles did not cause the Jews to believe, we should not be greatly

surprised to find that medical missionary workers to-day are in danger, through continual association with those who are incredulous, of manifesting the same unbelief that the Jews manifested, and of developing the same perverted understanding.

I am made unutterably sad as I consider the condition of things that has been opened before me. In the past, when matters have been shown to be wrong, there has been a realization of the wrong, and this has been followed by confession, repentance, and thorough reformation. But of late there have not been faithful stewards to repress the evils that needed to be repressed. Can we, then, be surprised that there is great spiritual blindness?

Those engaged in the gospel ministry need to learn of Christ, His meekness and lowliness, and to be thoroughly converted, that their lives may testify to a world dead in trespasses and sins, that they have been born again. Medical missionary workers, also, need to be converted. When they are converted, their influence will be a power for good in the world. They will be willing to receive counsel and help from their brethren, because they have been sanctified through the truth. Daily they will receive rich supplies of grace from heaven to impart to others.

To every one of His appointed agencies the Lord sends the message, "Take your position at your post of duty, and then stand firm for the right." To all I am instructed to say, Find your place. Receive not the fanciful sentiments of men who are not taught by God. Christ is waiting to give you insight into heavenly things; waiting to quicken your spiritual pulse into renewed activity. No longer subordinate the claims of future, eternal interests to the common affairs of this life. "Ye can not serve God and mammon." Wake up, brethren, wake up.

Medical missionary work is called for in a broader sense than is now understood. The work is

needed that is outlined in the commission which Christ gave to His disciples just before His ascension. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He said. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

These words point out our field and our work. Our field is the world; our work the proclamation of the truths that Christ came to our world to proclaim. Men and women are to have opportunity to gain a knowledge of present truth, an opportunity to know that Christ is their Saviour, that God "so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A WARNING AGAINST CENTRALIZATION.

Christ embraced the world in His missionary work, and the Lord has shown me by revelation that it is not His plan for large centers to be made, for large institutions to be established, and for money to be gathered from all parts of the world to support these large institutions. Plants are to be made in many places. First one and then another part of the vineyard is to be entered, until all has been cultivated. Efforts are to be put forth first wherever the need is greatest. But we can not carry on this aggressive warfare, and at the same time make an extravagant outlay of means in a few places.

The Battle Creek Sanitarium is too large. A great many workers will be required to care for the patients who come. A tenth of the number of patients who come to that institution is as many as should be cared for in one medical missionary center. Centers should be made in all the cities that are unacquainted with the great work that the Lord

would have done to warn the world that the end of all things is at hand. "There is too much," said the great Teacher, "in one place."

Let those who have fitted themselves to engage in medical missionary work in foreign countries go to the places that they expect to make their field of labor, and begin work right among the people, learning the language as they work. Very soon they will find that they can teach the simple truths of God's Word.

A NEGLECTED FIELD NEAR US.

There is in this country a great, unworked field. The colored race, numbering thousands upon thousands, appeals to the consideration and sympathy of every true, practical believer in Christ. These people do not live in a foreign country, and they do not bow down to idols of wood and stone. They live among us, and again and again, through the testimonies of His Spirit, God has called our attention to them, telling us that here are human beings neglected.

Missionaries are needed to work for the colored people, and missionaries are also needed to work for the poor white people of the South. This broad field lies before us unworked, calling for the light that God has given us in trust.

Ellen G. White.

St. Helena, Cal.
Oct. 30, 1903.

Tell a Hottentot or a Zulu the story of Socrates, and it excites no very deep emotion; but for eighteen hundred years Hottentots, Zulus, South Sea Islanders and savages, Greenlanders,—men, women, and children in every land, with every variety of conventional habit,—have conceived such an ardent, passionate, personal love to Jesus of Nazareth, that they have been ready to face torture and death for His sake.—Stowe.

"All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22.

Seek Ye the Lord

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." Who is there, heeding this injunction, can fail to discern on every hand the evidence that the harvest is ripe and ready to be gathered; that the time has fully come when "both he that soweth and he that reapeth" may rejoice together? As we contemplate the rapid development of events and see the nearness of the great crisis in human events, we can almost hear that habitue of the heavenly temple crying to our Lord, "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

As this scene is held before our minds, mingled feelings crowd in upon us. Joy and fear are prominent, for who can fail to rejoice with the prospect before him that the bitter tale of sorrow and suffering, pain and anguish, sickness and sin, will soon be forever ended, and the blessedness of eternity and Eden will be ushered in, and all God's faithful ones are to be gathered into His heavenly garner? But with the joy comes the fear. Not because we question the ability or willingness of our Great High Priest and Saviour, for we are persuaded that He "is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." But this gathering means not only infinite joy and salvation, but also infinite sorrow and loss. In the face of the world's crisis we see its inhabitants either asleep in carnal security, or intoxicated with its pleasures and sins, all unmindful of their fast oncoming doom. Who is to awaken them? Who to snatch them as brands from the burning? The responsibility must rest with the people who see the danger. Why have we been so indolent, so indifferent, our efforts so unfruitful with this great re-

sponsibility resting upon us? These and kindred questions crowd upon us as we view the nearness of the coming of Christ and beget feelings of dread, for we must confess that we have been unprofitable servants.

For our own sakes and the sake of the unsaved, the call of Joel should be taken to our hearts as never before: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach."

The existing conditions in and outside of the church demand such a seeking of the Lord as is here portrayed. Every believer in the third angel's message should gratefully welcome this year's special season of prayer and earnestly plan to receive its blessings and impart them to others.

W. T. Knox.

Wonders of Prayer

These are a few of the mighty things recorded by the Scriptures as the result of prayer:—

Abraham's servant prays; his prayer is wonderfully answered.

Jacob wrestles and prays; Esau's heart is changed.

Moses prays; Amelek is conquered.

Joshua prays; Achan's sin is discovered. He prays again on the field of battle; the sun and moon stand still for a whole day.

Hannah prays; Samuel is born. David prays; Ahithophel hangs himself.

Elijah prays; a three-years' drought succeeds.

He prays again; a dead child is restored to life.

Another prayer—God answers by fire, and Baal's prophets are cut off.

Once more he prays. The great drought is broken, and the rain descends on the parched earth.

Elisha prays; Jordan is divided. Jehoshaphat prays; he is victorious in battle.

Jonah prays; he is delivered. Isaiah and Hezekiah pray; 185,000 Assyrian warriors lie prone in death.

The three Hebrew worthies pray; the Son of God comes to them in the fiery furnace.

Daniel prays; the lions are muzzled.

Ezra fasts and prays at the River Ahava; God answers by a great deliverance.

Mordecai prays; wicked Haman is hanged on his own gallows.

Nehemiah sends up a prayer to heaven; the king's heart is softened in an instant.

The church prays; Peter is delivered.

Paul and Silas pray; the prison doors are opened.

Peter and John pray; the place was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.—Sel.

"Love Is the Fulfilling of the Law"

If you love, you will unconsciously fulfil the whole law. If one loved his fellowman, it would be preposterous to tell him not to kill. You could only insult him if you suggested that he should not steal. How could he steal from those he loved? It would be superfluous to beg him not to bear false witness against his neighbor. If he loved him, it would be the last thing he would do. And you would never dream of urging him not to covet what his neighbors had. He would rather they possessed it than himself. In this way, "love is the fulfilling of the law." It is the rule for fulfilling all rules, the new commandment for keeping all the commandments, Christ's one secret of the Christian life.—Drummond.

"Love thy neighbor as thyself." Lev. 19:18.

THE FIELD

The Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.

On Friday, November 13, the last payment was made on the debt of this church with interest in full, so that this church which was purchased Nov. 1, 1902, is now free from all indebtedness. We are deeply grateful to God for His wonderful providences, and to all the friends whom He has made willing to help clear this first Washington enterprise from all debt. This is a good beginning. We believe that God will enable His people in this city to establish the institutions He has sent to the head of the nation free from the weight and the blight of debt.

There are three rooms connected with the church which have been closed for about eight months, for the reason that they were not in a condition to use without incurring considerable expense. We decided to free the church before we incurred the expense of fitting up these rooms. They would have been most useful during the late General Conference Council. We shall now fit them up immediately. There is need of some other alterations. \$83.00 has been sent in since the debt was paid, beside a special gift for the baptistry and interior fitting up of the church. This work will immediately be done, and the date of re-dedication will be announced through the "Review." It is apparent to all that it will require a certain amount of outlay to fit up the church suitably for the situation and the work it is called to do. Those who have sent in money since the debt was paid will understand that after it is decided by the officers of the General Conference located in Washington, that the church is in a suitable condition, if there should be provisionally a balance in the treasury it will be devoted to the building of the sanitarium and school to be located here, so that not a cent will be lost or mis-

applied. The accounts of all money received directly by myself will be audited by the General Conference. We are confident that all who have promised or planned to send help to this fund will do so at once or as soon as possible. With the belief and understanding that the money subscribed for this purpose by individuals or in the hands of treasurers of tract societies or conferences will be sufficient to cover all remaining expenses, and that it will be promptly sent in we may now consider this account closed.

I voice the sentiments of all our brethren here when I express once more our deep gratitude for the willing spirit of helpfulness that has been manifested by our people. May God reward all those who have sacrificed to establish this "memorial for God."

As rapidly as possible the list of donations will be published in the "Review" of money sent directly to me and not previously reported. This will take some time, and we trust that all who have given will wait patiently. Below is given a partial list of contributions received since June 1, and not previously reported in the "Review":—

Previously reported, \$5,494.52; J. N. Loughborough, \$5.00; C. C. Christensen, \$2.00; A friend, \$2.40; "L. M.," \$1.00; Mrs. Thomas Williams, \$2.00; Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Deers, \$1.00; James Taphouse and friends, \$7.00; J. J. Butcher and wife, \$2.00; Mrs. J. E. Kipp, \$1.00; M. Christianson and family, \$1.00; Miss C. Clouson, \$5.00; Mary A. Riedy and friends, \$3.75; Charles Christenson for H. M. Grove Church, \$4.30; Eugene Nelson, \$3.00; J. T. Woodward, \$1.00; Mr. Claude Jones, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Pember, \$1.00; Mrs. Hildreth and daughters per C. Hildreth, \$6.00; A friend, \$.50; William Goff and friends, \$5.00; H. C. Carmichel, \$1.00; Bolinger, \$1.00; A. D. Wescott, \$2.00; A brother, \$.50; Miss E. L. Fuller, \$.50; Sparta, Wisconsin, Church, per A. D. West, \$2.00; Miss Mary Conger, \$1.00; Ina B.

Bradbury, \$1.00; Mrs. E. J. Eaton, \$5.00; G. H. Matthews, \$10.00; Mrs. S. D. Wager, \$2.50; D. W. C. McNett, \$1.50; Daisy Malternee, \$1.00; E. J. Westphal, \$6.00; Mrs. Hattie Countryman, \$5.00; S. D. Cole, \$1.00; S. D. Smith, \$1.00; C. M. Christensen, \$1.75; H. T. Darter, \$1.75; Mrs. Belle Hughes, \$2.00; A. E. Erickson, \$2.00; Rosanah Switzer, \$2.00; J. W. Tabor, \$1.00; Mrs. T. Wheeler, \$1.00; N. Roseboom, \$5.00; W. E. Caldwell and friends, \$8.00; Jacob Stull and friends, \$6.65; Reuben Wright, \$5.00; A. E. Devereaux, \$10.00; H. T. Holm, \$100.00; total reported, \$5,737.67.

J. S. Washburn.

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WESTERN OREGON

Myrtle Point

The work at this place is still onward. Three have lately taken their stand to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. It is good to hear the expressions of joy and gladness which come from their lips that they were led to "behold wondrous things" out of God's law.

A few weeks ago we rented a hall in the central part of town, in which we have been conducting services Sabbaths and Sundays. Some are coming to listen, especially those with whom we are working from house to house during the week. We still have a number of good readers that manifest interest. The Lord has promised to make us fishers of men, so we are endeavoring to enter every door of opportunity that all may have a chance to know what is truth. We hope to put the special number of the "Signs" in every home, as we believe this will aid us in interesting the people still farther in the great message of the Lord's soon coming. Now is the time to give the trumpet a certain sound, the note of warning must be given. So let us go forth in the strength of the Lord, knowing that the battle is not ours, but His, and He will see

to it that we gain the victory. There are seven demoninations represented at this place, although it is only a town of seven hundred inhabitants. Five church buildings are used, and the people drift from one to the other, where any excitement or pleasure may be found to entertain them for a time. I believe I never saw a people more gospel hardened than these. As I talk with the people they appear to me as sheep without a shepherd. The poor souls seem to think that sincerity in any belief is able to save them; wandering in their blindness "they are ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Surely darkness is covering the earth, and gross darkness the people. Is it not time for God's workers to arise and shine? May the Lord help us to do our part in heralding forth this great, last message to the world.

Pray for us and for the work here.

W. L. Black,
Kathleen M. Black.

CALIFORNIA

Instruction

TO CONFERENCE EMPLOYEES AND CHURCHES.

At a recent meeting of the California Conference Committee, the field was districted for aggressive work, beginning with the special "Signs" on Capital and Labor, with the idea of following up the "Signs" work with tracts, "Object Lessons," "Education," and other books as the way may open. In order that the work might be thoroughly organized, the following persons were placed over the various districts: Napa Valley, M. H. Brown; Sonoma Valley, M. E. Cady; Sacramento Valley, C. N. Martin; San Jose district, D. T. Fero; Fresno district, Elder C. M. Gardner, J. W. Bagby, B. L. Howe; Sonora district, M. C. Israel; Stockton district, Professor J. S. Osborn; San Francisco, Elder E. J. Hibbard, Dr. B. F.

Richards, and Elder W. S. Sadler; Oakland, Professor G. W. Rine, Elder M. C. Wilcox, C. H. Jones, and Elder J. D. Rice; Humboldt district, local committee in the field; Nevada, Elder A. J. Osborn and Elder C. E. Leland.

No previous special issue of the "Signs" has received such a hearty support as the present issue on Capital and Labor, and no former issue has been so timely as this one. It now remains for this people to embrace the present opportunity for active and aggressive work, which should be taken up by every believer in the third angel's message.

To those whose duty it is to organize this work, I would say, please note the following from the Lord's handmaid: "Let the missionary meeting be turned to account in teaching the people how to do missionary work. Put work into their hands, and let not the youth be ignored, but let them come in to share in the labor and responsibility. Let them feel that they have a part to act in helping and blessing others. Even the children should be taught to do some little errands of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves." Again it is stated: "The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches." This, to my mind, places the work of organizing before us in a very decided and clear manner, and leaves all without excuse so far as how to organize is concerned.

It is not the doing of some great thing in order that we may be seen and heard, and attention attracted to us, but it is the doing of the so-called little things that all can do, and eternally keeping at it, that will result in the gathering of the final great harvest. This is clear by what follows. Here it is, and first note that while the first part is for the organizer, this last quotation is for the individual members: "If the members will cooperate with such a plan (plan above outlined) and personally carry it out, they will reap a rich reward, for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will in-

crease through exercise, and souls will be saved through their efforts." While a blessed result is here pictured as a direct result of doing just what every church member can do if he will, on the other hand we have this statement: "Remember if the churches are left to their own inactivity, Satan will see that they are employed. He will pre-occupy the field and give the members a line of work that will engage their energies, kill spirituality, and make them fall as dead weights upon the church."

If there are in your church members who are "spiritually dead," and as such are lying as "dead weights" upon the church, you have in these few lines both the cause and the remedy. Both the diagnosis and the remedy in this case are given by the true Physician. Let us not question His wisdom in the matter, but rather let us acknowledge the disease, take the remedy, and be well.

A. S. Kellogg,
Vice-Pres. of the California Conf.

Susanville

A letter from Elder C. E. Leland gives the following interesting and encouraging report concerning the work at Susanville, where, for several years, there has been a small number of members and a very poor, dilapidated church building:—

"The building has recently been painted on the outside and inside; new glass has been put in most of the windows, and the house has also been papered. It looks very presentable now, and we can ask people to attend our meetings and not feel ashamed of the building. The church has been encouraged, and the members are beginning to revive again, pay their tithes, and take our periodicals.

"We hold Sabbath-school and preaching services on the Sabbath, and prayer meeting regularly on Wednesday evening.

"I have held meetings at a mill five miles distant on Sundays, with some encouragement. A fine

young man, whose wife was a member of the Adventist Church, has taken his stand to keep the Sabbath. Mrs. Leland is with me. Her health is very much improved. We are of good courage in the Lord, and He is blessing us every day."

Debtors, Notice!

We are now nearing the close of the year 1903. Just a few weeks remain before us, and it is generally considered as one of our most prosperous financial years. As we look over our accounts in the California Tract Society office, we find there is owing to the society the following amounts: Sabbath-schools, \$79.56; general accounts, \$1,819.08; personal accounts, \$4,500.49; T. & M. Society accounts, \$480.75; total, \$7,379.88.

It may be that your personal account with the Tract Society is small, but please notice that the sum-total of our credit accounts amount to \$7,379.88. You will certainly agree with us that this amount is entirely too large, and no society should be expected to carry it.

Our policy for this last year has been, as near as possible, a cash one, and we expect to continue this plan. In sending in your orders to the office, please bear this in mind, and conform to our plan as far as possible. There may be some exception made where it is made clear that necessity demands it. But the exception must not become the rule with any of our patrons.

Many of the accounts on our books are of long standing, and now, dear brother or sister, if your account is one of these, you will certainly confer a great favor upon those who are carrying the burden of this office, if you will kindly arrange with us to settle up your account at an early date, so that by the close of this year our books may stand as a credit and not as a disgrace to you. We make this appeal, not because of personal injury to us, but because of injury that must come to the cause of God and to you person-

ally, if this state of affairs in your case is allowed to continue.

To the canvassers: We would call your attention to the report of our secretary in the "Pacific Union Recorder," of May 21, 1903, page 5, under the words, "Our Plan." Read articles one and two, also twenty-one, twenty-two, and twenty-three. After reading, please co-operate with us in carrying out the instructions given us by the delegates assembled.

Inasmuch as our creditors are scattered everywhere, and many are outside of our conference borders, we shall make this as a general plea, and place it where we trust it will reach all concerned.

In closing, we again plead with you to please give this your earliest possible attention and send all remittances to the California Tract Society, 306 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal. Our prayers shall be that the good Lord shall guide, and direct, and bless you all, to the honor and glory of His cause.

A. S. Kellogg,
Vice-pres. of the California Conf.

A Word from Wales

Elder A. F. Ballenger, superintendent of the work in Wales, writes to the members of the California Conference as follows:—

"At our camp-meeting held in this place, the enclosed resolution was heartily passed in grateful recognition of the liberality and missionary spirit of the California Conference.

"Resolved, That we hereby express our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of the California Conference for so freely giving us the labors of Brother Halliday, and for so generously supporting him from their funds; and that we express our hearty appreciation of his faithful and fruitful labors among us."

"It will not be necessary to add anything to this resolution as it speaks for itself. Our work in Wales is making steady progress. The membership a year ago only numbered about fifty, but now there is a membership of eighty-

seven. Some have moved into the field, but most of the increase is the result of pioneer work. We want the brethren who are giving of their means for the support of the work here to know that appreciated and that souls are coming to a knowledge of the truth."

Obituary

House.—Died in Berkeley, Cal., Nov. 15, 1903, after a prolonged illness, Charles Ralph House, aged twenty-eight years, two months, and twenty-six days. He accepted present truth nearly a year ago under our labors. Though a great sufferer at times, he fell asleep triumphing in Christ and expecting soon to answer the call of the Life-giver. He leaves a wife and three children, who sorrow in hope. Funeral services were held at the residence of his father, conducted by the writer, assisted by the Methodist minister, a former pastor. Scripture lesson, Job 14:1-15.

J. D. Rice.

Conference Funds

The Tithe Receipts for September

Alameda, \$87.50; Berkeley, \$94.21; Chico, \$43.28; Fresno, \$92.60; Armona, \$178.75; Hanford, \$21.25; Healdsburg, \$125.55; Linton, \$2.50; Lindsay, \$8.30; Lockwood, \$23.00; Monterey, \$25.80; Napa, \$60.00; Oakland, \$19.50; Personal, \$136.70; Reno, \$2.00; San Francisco, \$461.75; San Jose, \$162.51; Santa Rosa, \$87.33; Sebastopol, \$70.00; Stockton, \$300.00; Susanville, \$2.70; Woodland, \$4.45; total, \$2,009.68.

Receipts for October

Alameda, \$96.90; Arroyo Grande, \$64.10; Berkeley, \$42.35; Bishop, \$25.00; Burrough, \$46.25; Calistoga, \$68.94; Chico, \$160.23; Crows Landing, \$20.00; Eureka, \$154.64; Ferndale, \$35.25; Fresno, \$705.92; Grass Valley, \$78.00; Glennville, \$72.42; Guerneville, \$31.40; Hanford, \$68.39; Healdsburg, \$313.85; Lemoore, \$165.37; Lockwood, \$188.75; Lodi, \$5.25; Monterey, \$57.00; Morganhill, \$121.41; Napa, \$81.99; North San

Juan, \$26.50; Oakland, \$552.64; Paso Robles, \$18.55; Pepperwood, \$15.15; Personal, \$47.30; Petaluma, \$100.63; Placerville, \$78.02; Red Bluff, \$136.25; Reno, \$139.55; Sacramento, \$184.89; San Francisco, \$548.27; Sanitarium, \$512.90; San Jose, \$46.26; Santa Cruz, \$54.47; Sebastopol, \$64.04; Selma, \$50.00; Soquel, \$57.50; St. Clair, \$18.50; St. Helena, \$236.45; Stockton, \$622.30; Tres Pinos, \$6.50; Ukiah, \$231.50; Valencia Street, \$166.52; Watsonville, \$15.25; Woodland, \$100.56; Dinuba, \$58.46; Total tithe, \$6,692.37.

Receipts of Trust Funds for September

Southern Field, \$1.50; Healdsburg College repairs, \$116.75; Foreign Missions, \$134.62; Home of the Friendless, \$8.75; Missionary Acre, \$1.15; S. S. Offerings, \$31.46.

Receipts for October

Australasia, \$28.35; Southern Field, \$13.35; Healdsburg College repairs, \$34.96; Foreign Missions, \$275.11; Home of the Friendless, \$87.61; Missionary Acre Fund, \$15.01; San Francisco Dispensary, \$1.00; Washington Church, \$.23; English Sanitarium, \$1.00; Sabbath-school Offerings, \$389.29.

J. D. Rice,
Secretary California Conf.

Dinuba

Since Elder Thurston left here a few months ago, we have been alone as far as ministerial help is concerned. Yet we have not felt lonely, for we know that He who has promised "never to leave us alone" is with us and has greatly blessed us. Our company is small, only nineteen in number. We are all of good courage, though the way does sometimes seem dark.

We have been holding weekly study meetings with the sisters, and the instruction received has been of great benefit to all. Our missionary society has been doing good work. One little sister is selling quite a number of "Signs" and the "Life Boat" each week.

Will you not pray for us here

that we may by earnest work be the means of bringing souls to a knowledge of the truth, thus hastening the Saviour's coming. Any of our brethren who are passing this way are cordially invited to spend the Sabbath with us.

Mrs. H. G. Thompson,
Church Clerk.

ARIZONA

Conference Work

We are just entering the canvass for the special "Signs." All our brethren seem to be awake to the call. Our churches have each a good supply sent them. We expect to visit each family in this conference with the "Signs." And as our laborers are few, distances great, traveling expenses six cents per mile, we have planned to have each laborer carry "Elihu on the Sabbath," "We Would See Jesus," "Winning of Margaret," and "Which Day Do You Keep and Why," and not only give them the present truth contained in this special issue of the paper, but place the cardinal points of the message in each home as we visit them, with the address of the tract society office on each one, so as the Spirit of God stirs them up to read, they may know where to send for further information.

The Lord has greatly blessed every effort put forth to educate the people of our conference, and souls are being added to the church almost daily.

Our people are beginning to appreciate the blessing connected with tithe paying, although the membership is mostly sisters, the tithe is increasing. The school work is gaining favor with the people. We have two excellent teachers, Miss Nellie Brown and Miss Edith Bond. Both are working very hard for the uplifting of the children.

Our sanitarium is filling up now with a good class of patients. The doctor and nurses find plenty to do. Brother E. R. Palmer, of Washington, D. C., also Dr.

Hinde and wife, of Chicago, are resting, receiving treatments, and enjoying the pleasant and copious sunshine of Arizona with us at present. We are pleading with God for His Holy Spirit to direct our steps. Our laborers are few, but of excellent courage, knowing our source of strength is in God.

A. J. Howard.

Phoenix, Ariz.

MONTANA

Choteau

In July, the writer, in company with Brethren Emery and Holden, conducted a tent effort at Choteau. The interest to hear was good, and we experienced much freedom in presenting the Word. Near the close of the effort, four substantial people took their stand for the truth.

I returned to Choteau in October, after an absence of a few weeks, and found two others keeping the Sabbath. Many people of the town wished me to hold a few meetings, which I did in a public hall. I dwelt principally on the Sabbath question, and spoke once on the support of the ministry, God's plan versus the way which the popular churches have adopted. The matter presented became the talk of the town. This aroused the Methodist minister, who advertized a talk on the Sabbath question the following Sunday night. This meeting the writer attended, and for about two hours he was the subject of the most abusive talk he ever heard from the desk. Scarcely ten minutes was consumed on the Sabbath question. This tirade resulted in a glorious victory for the truth. A leading Methodist worker took her stand with us, and three others are keeping the Sabbath, expecting to unite with us in the near future, thus making eleven in all who are keeping God's commandments. A Sabbath-school was organized.

On Sunday, November 8, we repaired to the beautiful Leton river, where seven willing souls

were buried with their Lord in baptism. It was a most happy and enjoyable occasion, though the weather was cold, and there was some snow on the ground. The little band was left rejoicing in the truth.

A deepening conviction is ever present with me that our journey in this world is fast hastening to its close. "The scenes of conflict are hastening on, and but a moment, as it were, remains in which to prepare for eternity." The dragon voice is growing louder and more pronounced, and men professing to preach the gospel are avowed Evolutionists and Spiritualists.

In that fearful time of trouble soon to break upon us, happy will that people be, "whose God is the Lord, and he that hath the God of Jacob for his help."

My courage and my confidence in the final triumph of this last message never were better. "Faith is the victory," praise the Lord.

W. A. Gosmer.

SABBATH-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE

A Blessed Opportunity

God gave me something very sweet to be
mine own this day—

A precious opportunity, a word for Christ
to say,

A soul that my desire might reach, a
work to do for him;

And now I thank him for this grace, ere
yet the light grows dim.

No service that He sends me on can be
so welcome, aye,

To guide a Pilgrim's weary feet within
the narrow way;

To share the Shepherd's quest, and so,
by brake and fen,

To find for Him His wandering lambs, the
erring sons of men.

I did not seek this blessed thing, it came
a rare surprise,

Flooding my heart with dearest joy, as
lifting wistful eyes,

Heaven's light upon a dear one's face
shone plain and clear on mine;

And there an unseen third, I felt, was
waiting—One divine.

So in this twilight hour I kneel, and pour
my grateful thought

In song and prayer to Jesus for the gifts
this day hath brought.

Sure never service is so sweet, nor life
hath so much zest,
As when He bids me speak for Him, and
then He does the rest.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

The Quarterly Review Problem

One of the most perplexing problems I have had to solve in my Sabbath-school work has been that as to what shall be done with quarterly review Sabbath. Ordinarily, few of us are delighted to see it come. The teacher meets it with a frown, and the pupils, too often, celebrate its advent by staying at home. It is safe to say that the records of attendance in the majority of schools will prove the truth of the latter statement.

I have been a teacher in a Sabbath-school where the teachers were allowed to conduct the quarterly review in their individual classes, and will suggest one plan which I have found to work quite satisfactorily. I do not know whether it is original or not. Quite likely it is not, but it deserves none the less to be passed on to others.

To begin with, the teacher decides what he wants to bring out in the review. One should avoid attempting too much; he should seek to be systematic, and to have always in mind in his preparation a great central thought leading to a climax-thought at the end. When the plan has been outlined, a sufficient number of questions may be formed which tend to bring out the facts, incidents, and teachings of the quarter's lessons in their proper order. Write these questions on slips of paper, properly number them, and you will be ready for the review. Distribute these question-slips among the pupils in class, call for them by number, and let the pupil having the slip bearing the number called for in each case answer the question. I have found that the novelty of the plan, and the uncertainty as to who should be called upon to answer, have kept up both interest and attention. Of course, the questions are to be gauged according to the age and knowledge of the class, and are to

suggest in themselves the thought it is desired to bring out.—Selected.

Prayer

A few years ago the president of a great nation touched an electric button and the wheels of an exposition a thousand miles away were set in motion. Much was made of the event. But listen.

An overworked missionary in India sits down one morning in her chamber. She will take an hour for meditation and prayer. It is the first time in weeks that she has found a moment to sit down with her Bible and commune with her own heart. Call after call and duty upon duty have crowded her time full. So much to be done; so few to do it! Facing the great need all about her, it is hard sometimes to take time to eat and sleep.

But to-day she sits down for a quiet hour with Him. She reads a little and kneels down to pray; there comes a knock at the door; another call; this time a poor Hindoo mother, dying in her zenana, has sent to see if the "Jesus woman" can come. The heart that had so longed for a moment in which to pray lifts up soul to Him for strength and wisdom for this task, and then adds, "And, dear Father, put it into the heart of some one in the home land to pray in my stead for me and the work."

Away off on the prairies in America is a poor widow with four hungry mouths hanging about her skirts. Day by day she toils for them. Her God and His church are her only stay. This same morning when she went into her closet, she recalled the letter from the lady that her branch of the missionary society had sent out to India. She had read it a few days before in a last column of the church paper. And while she prayed for herself and her little ones, she remembered the little, tired missionary in her prayer. The heart of the faithful missionary at the bed of the dying Hindoo was strangely warmed, and she knew that some one was praying for her, and her soul was cheered.

If the word of encouragement had been sent by wire, it had passed under two oceans, across a couple of continents, and beneath more seas; if all went well, it might have gone all the way in the course of a day; beyond doubt, it would have beaten the sun and the calendar. But it went round by the throne of God, and it reached the distant heart the moment it was uttered. Prayer is the electric button by which we move heaven and earth.—Selected.

To the Young People

I desire to say a word to all the young people in California. In the letter which you recently received, I called attention especially, among other signs and conditions requiring our study, to the strained situation between capital and labor. I will not repeat here what was said in the letter concerning this subject, but wish to call attention again to that splendid special number of the "Signs" on Capital and Labor, which has just been published. I earnestly hope that every Young People's Society, and every one of our young people in this state, will put forth every effort to give this number a wide circulation. The struggle between capital and labor is upon every one's lips. It is before the mind of all, and now is the time for us to strike while the iron is hot. The papers sell easily, the picture on the front page alone is a powerful sermon on capital and labor; so let all the young people rally, and let us do our best.

W. S. Sadler,
Supt. Young People's Work.

If a man is not ready to die, he is not ready to live. He who is not ready to lay down his life at the call of duty, will not use his life to advantage while it is spared to him. It is a great mistake that it is a man's first duty to take care of his life. His first duty is to do right. Living is good business for a man only when a man is as ready to die as to live.—H. Clay Trumbull, D. D.



The School Work in Western Oregon

While our train is whirling us away from Oregon to our new field of labor in the "Sunny South," I will endeavor to write out one more report of the school work in Western Oregon. I am not yet able to give a statistical report of the schools for this year, yet it is a pleasure to note that all the old schools are going forward with commendable progress. One new school, that of Monitor, is making a splendid beginning. By this I do not mean that they have a large building and every equip-

ment that money can furnish, but that the teacher and church and children are united to make a success of the work in training workers for Christ's kingdom.

Excellent reports come from the Gravelford Academy. One says, "It is the best school I ever saw." They have just ordered a new printing press from which to issue some outline studies by Professor Bunch, for the benefit of the teachers in Western Oregon and Western Washington. Surely this school located in the midst of mountain scenery, as it is, is well calculated to train workers, as John the Baptist was trained, who shall go out to give the definite message to the world that is called for at this time. From Royal,

Report of the Church-School Work, California Conference, First Month, 1903.

NAME OF SCHOOL	No. Boys Enrolled.....	No. Girls Enrolled.....	Total Enrollment	No. New Pupils.....	Average Daily Attendance...	Average No. Belonging.....	Percent of Attendance...	Tardinesses....	No. Visits by Board.....	No. Visits by Others.....	Scholarship.....
Healdsburg:—											
Advanced Department	15	29	44	17	36.8	37.5	98	0	2	13	87
Intermediate Dep't.....	16	17	33	7	29.3	30.4	98.4	8	1	15	81
Primary Department...	19	23	42	11	38.1	38.8	98	23	0	10	90
	50	69	119	35	104.4	106.7	98	31	3	38	86
Oakland:—											
Advanced Department	8	10	18	0	15.8	16.4	97	30	0	0	.....
Intermediate Dep't.....	14	14	28	1	25.8	27.7	93.4	30	0	16	.....
Primary Department...	11	9	20	3	16.8	17.6	95.8	38	2	40	.....
	33	33	66	4	58.4	61.7	94.6	98	2	56	.....
Fresno:—											
Advanced Department	21	13	34	10	29.4	29.9	98	11	0	1	89
Primary Department...	10	12	22	0	20.7	21.2	97.6	2	0	1	.....
	31	25	56	10	50.1	51.1	98	13	0	2	.....
San Francisco:—											
Advanced Department	8	13	21	0	17.5	18.3	95.8	3	1	27	85
Primary Department...	12	7	19	4	16.8	17.8	94.8	11	1	28	89
	20	20	40	4	34.3	36.1	95.3	14	2	55	87
Sanitarium	17	15	32	7	24.5	27.2	90.3	22	1	3	.....
Santa Rosa.....	9	12	21	12	16	16.8	90.4	5	0	9	90
Hanford.....	15	18	33	7	17.1	29	93.5	12	1	3	.....
San Jose.....	12	15	27	9	22	23.1	94	15	1	5	86
Eureka.....	12	12	24	4	19	20.9	90.8	54	1	2	87
Red Bluff.....	6	12	18	6	12.9	14.7	87.2	21	1	3	90
Reno, Nevada	8	8	16	4	13.8	15	92.1	9	7	7	93
Alameda.....	6	3	9	0	7.6	8.4	90	7	2	0	91
Pepperwood	4	4	8	2	6.8	7.4	92.3	6	0	6	.....
Petaluma.....	4	5	9	1	8.2	9	92	23	1	1	.....
Alton.....	2	6	8	3	6.2	6.7	92.2	1	0	7	96
Burrough.....	2	2	4	0	4	4	100	4	0	4	93
Armona.....	6	7	13	7	11.4	11.7	97.3	6	0	3	95
Glennville (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phoenix.....	5	8	13	1	10.6	11.9	88.9	15	3	2	.....
Calistoga.....	2	2	4	0	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stockton.....	4	4	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	248	280	528	118	441.7	461.4	94.9	356	25	106	.....

Blachly, and Montavilla come good reports both of attendance and spirit, the best evidences of progress in right lines. Private schools at The Dalles, Dayton, and Otis are doing good work, and it is hoped the school at Johnson will soon be in action for the winter. At last report, the Roseburg school was ready to begin. How much good shall be accomplished by these schools eternity alone will reveal.

We hope and pray that every teacher will have grace to do their utmost in winning the souls of their pupils for Christ, and in training them for a place in His vineyard, and that every church member will do his or her utmost to help on the glorious closing of the "great controversy."

It is with no small regret that we leave our work and so many friends in Oregon, yet with much satisfaction we contemplate our field in the needy South. And we entreat the earnest prayers of those so favorably located for our work among the millions that have not yet heard the precious message that makes us free.

Ontario, Oregon, Nov. 22, 1903.
A. Carey.

Hanford Church School

I have been pleased to note two reports from our schools in late issues of the "Recorder," and am sure it would be a source of encouragement to each one to learn how the other schools are progressing, and how the difficulties confronting the school work are met. When I returned here two months ago, I was told that my school would be small this year; but twenty-six were enrolled the first day. Since then I have enrolled eleven more, making a total of thirty-seven. Several have moved, so the regular attendance is thirty-three, and four more will start Monday.

From the very first day there has been a real desire to work and make the most of the opportunities offered. Three of last year's pupils are attending college. Most of the grades are represented

from the first to the ninth inclusive. In the ninth grade are two pupils preparing for college next year, and two preparing to enter the work as teachers next year.

We are trying the industrial work and find many difficulties. The principal one seems to be ignorance on the teacher's part. It is hard to teach something one has never learned, and I think it is time more attention was given to preparing teachers to take up this phase of the work. If physical training is as essential as intellectual, then as much attention should be given to it, and in giving needed instruction to the teachers. With a few hints from different ones, and a visit to Chinatown for material, I succeeded in mastering the rudiments of cane-seating chairs, and have taught the larger boys. They have seated four chairs, doing fairly creditable work. The rest are learning to handle needle, thread, and shears, one thing I feel fairly competent to teach. We spend a half hour a day at industrial work, taking fifteen minutes from our noon hour.

My ninth grade pupils are taking up "Great Controversy" as a regular study, and are doing good work. I am persuaded more and more that not enough time is given to the fundamentals, especially reading and spelling. I am almost convinced that the first four or five years of school work should be largely given to these studies. Geography, physiology, and such studies are taken up before the pupil can read intelligently, and they stumble along, unable to grasp the meaning of the lessons. I believe a thorough drill, several times a day, in reading of a varied character, then reproducing the author's thoughts in original form, would be a foundation well worth the trouble, and one that would render easier all after studies. Let us hear the experience of other teachers.

Mina Mann.

Hanford, Cal., 316 E. Tenth St.

"The only sure time for finding God is now."

Teachers, Attention!

The "Advocate" is about to publish a directory of Christian teachers. There are five hundred or more teachers connected with elementary and intermediate Christian schools, and every one of these names should appear in the directory. In behalf of this effort, every teacher is respectfully requested to send his name and address at once. Educational secretaries and superintendents are asked to co-operate. This directory will be valuable for many reasons. A copy will be mailed free to every name sent.

Address, The "Advocate," Berrien Springs, Mich.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

San Francisco Dispensary

At the end of a year the San Francisco Dispensary is reaping some fruits of the efforts put forth to build up the work. All through the year a constant work has been carried forward of distributing cards, and visiting neighborhoods from which it might be expected that patients for the dispensary could be found. As the result, new patients have been coming in every day.

The dispensary nurse spends her mornings in outside work, visiting homes and giving treatment. The afternoons are devoted to treatments in the dispensary. As many as fourteen patients have been treated in one afternoon, between one and five o'clock. This is more than one nurse can do alone, so it has become necessary to have assistance from the sisters of the church. The dispensary is a church work, and the original plan was that one nurse would supervise and direct and train sisters who would volunteer for service. We feel grateful that we have reached the place where it becomes necessary to carry out our design. This makes the work truly a missionary church work,

in which the church is working for the sick poor, and gives an opportunity for church members to present the gospel in a practical way. Thus the church members become acquainted and come in contact with patients, whom it may be possible to follow up and help spiritually. As a result we expect to see an interest aroused, which will lead to a desire to know the truth, in the neighborhoods from which patients come. Furthermore, we look for an awakening and renewal of spiritual life among ourselves.

A brief description of the cases who came to the dispensary in one week will give some idea of the work and its possibilities.

Mrs. A. has taken treatment for several months. She was studying the truth when sent to us, and through the combined efforts of dispensary and church work, has united with the church. Her health has improved materially, and she has gladly accepted the principles of health reform.

Mrs. C. is a member of the church, who is glad to avail herself of treatments. She is an invalid so situated that she would have to suffer for want of treatment were it not for the privileges of the dispensary.

Mrs. H. is a widow, with a thirteen-year-old son. She is bravely trying to support herself and rear her son to be a good man. But her health was gone, and when brought to the dispensary she was on the point of giving up. She is now rejoicing in returning health and renewed courage. She has a love for God, and now that her health is better, she is reaching out for spiritual things, and we have hopes that in due time she will accept the truth.

Mrs. M. is a young woman we are helping physically, while the Bible-workers are guiding her into a knowledge of the truth.

Mrs. B. is not an invalid, but very much interested in the work of the dispensary. The idea of helping the bodies of people appeals to her.

Mrs. R., after quite a long course of treatment, begins to be interested in health reform. At

first our ideas had little attraction for her.

Miss G., another church member, and badly in need of treatment, is being helped both spiritually and physically.

Miss B. is one of two sisters, who work at dressmaking to support their aged parents. A Bible-worker is taking interest in her.

Miss M. is a grateful Christian, who is alone in the world as far as relatives are concerned.

Mrs. V. is a Catholic with a decidedly Christian spirit. She is very thankful for the treatments and appreciates what is done for her.

Mrs. R. needs both spiritual and physical help. She is a cripple. She is very grateful for any help given her.

Mrs. A. is one of God's trusting ones, who, having a drunken husband, naturally has severe trials to meet. She has been much helped by the dispensary treatments.

Mrs. W. is an old lady, seventy-seven years old, with an incurable disease. She has no relatives living. Though once wealthy and a leader in society, she is now dependent upon charity. This patient greatly appreciates anything that is done for her.

Mrs. H. is a widow, with a simple minded, partially crippled son to support. A few months ago she became paralyzed. She has cheerfully and bravely struggled on since without complaint, not knowing what was to become of herself and her boy. She is improving under treatment.

The above cases are but a sample of what we have every week. Sometimes it makes one feel very, very sad; on the other hand, how glad we are that the church provides a place for helping such as they, so that the people of the church can come in contact with them. The Christian Help Band, which operates in connection with the dispensary, provides clothing for the poor, and many are the cases that come to us to whom we not only give treatment, but also provide with clothing.

H. E. Brighthouse, M. D.

MISSIONARY WORK

A Prayer for To-day

"Lord, lead us to the mountain height;
To prayer's transfiguring glow;
And clothe us with the Spirit's might
For grander work below."

THE BOOK WORK

Western Washington

Report for Two Weeks Ending Nov. 22, 1903

GREAT CONTROVERSY

Name.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
F. P. Wright.....	55	7	\$18 50
A. H. Booth.....	65	11	31 75
H. B. Ham.....	10	3	11 00
F. W. Ham.....	70	8	21 75
Wm. Furber.....	61	10	14 00
G. B. Collett.....	32	3	8 25
Mabel Butler.....	48	10	27 00
Ada Burch.....	45	2	5 25
Ada Greenleaf.....	36	4	11 00
Anna Pound.....	61	6	16 50

BIBLE READINGS

Mrs. S. Bryan.....	24	8	17 00
HOME HAND-BOOK AND DESIRE OF AGES			
G. H. A. Beermann....	44	2	8 25
Total.....	551	69	\$190 25
Miscellaneous Sales..	...	...	85 15

California

Report for Two Weeks Ending Nov. 30, 1903

LADIES' GUIDE

Name.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
Mrs. C. E. Halliday....	48	2	\$ 7 00

MARVEL OF NATIONS

M. S. Drake.....	49	23	34 50
M. S. Drake.....	14	3	.....

HOME HAND-BOOK

Nella Steele.....	6	10	.....
Total.....	...	38	\$41 50
Miscellaneous Sales..	...	...	37 55

Upper Columbia Conference

For Week Ending Nov. 20, 1903

LADIES' GUIDE

Name.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Anna Gould.....	\$67 45

MARVEL OF NATIONS

Mrs. M. Jones.....	...	10	15 00
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DESIRE OF AGES

Mrs. D. C. Bartsche...	...	1	3 50
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OUR PARADISE HOME

Mrs. A. Tufel.....	...	3	1 50
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SMALL BOOKS

C. H. Allen.....	...	50	39 90
Total.....	...	64	\$127 35
Miscellaneous sales.....	10 00

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

Watch the Waymarks

While on the train the other day, as it was gliding along so smoothly and rapidly, passing waymark after waymark, going at the rate of perhaps sixty miles an hour towards its desired haven, I could but think of how time is fleeting, the moments passing which will soon usher in God's everlasting kingdom. Owing to the smoothness of the track, we could scarcely realize that we were moving, yet we were dashing over hill and plain at almost lightning speed. Looking out of the window as we passed the waymarks along the road, we knew that we were soon to reach our destination. So today, as we see prophecy being fulfilled, it is forcible evidence that we are not far from the heavenly city.

There is a work for each wide-awake believer in present truth. Brother, sister, friend, there are many like the eunuch, waiting and longing to have their faces set Zionward. Are you faithful to your trust? You may ask, What can I do? Call the attention of your neighbors to the meaning of these signs in the storm, earthquake, pestilence, fire, and flood. The conflict between capital and labor, the seeming smoothness with which the church is moving along unalarmed is remarkable evidence to the wide-awake believer in present truth that we have a great work to do before the conflict will end and the victory be won.

If a person on board the train should try to make you believe that you were not moving, while at the same time you were darting past station after station, you would surely think he was deluded. But daily we meet many whose eyes are closed to the fact that we are passing station after station where the sign-board is pointing to a soon-coming Saviour. Here is our opportunity. Here is our work. Point out to them the waymarks.

Providentially, it seems to me, the Lord has led the minds of our publishers to prepare something definite by which we can do this

and have a part in the work. The Capital and Labor number of the "Signs" presents a golden opportunity for all to do something. We need not fear or become discouraged in this work when God's providence is leading. Will you fail, my brother, to let those in ignorance see the finger of God's tender mercy pointing out the way? Will you fail to leave a paper in the homes of the hungry and thirsting ones?

Let us each arise and unfurl the banner of truth in places of darkness. Let us "show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light."

G. W. Pettit.

Notes from the Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.

These are busy days at our office in Oakland. Four cylinder presses, besides the large perfecting press, are constantly at work on the Capital and Labor number of the "Signs of the Times," and the whirr of machinery can be heard from early morning till late at night. Running at the rate of 25,000 per day, it will take forty days to print 1,000,000 copies.

Extra hands have been employed so that now our force numbers nearly 250.

Before the date of the Missionary Conventions, November 21, 150,000 copies of the special "Signs" had been mailed from the office, and only about half the orders filled at that date.

Orders are still coming in at the rate of from twenty-five to fifty thousand per day. The mails seem to be too slow, so now they come by wire. Here are a few samples:—

"Four thousand 'Signs' immediately, half to Hilgert and half to Fitzgerald, usual address.

"Hilgert & Fitzgerald,
"Philadelphia, Pa."

"Please send me two hundred and fifty copies special 'Signs.'

"Charles E. Palmer,
"Everett, Mass."

"Ship to Sharp, Rochester, N. Y., twelve hundred Labor 'Signs.'

"A. O. Burrell,
"Rochester, N. Y."

"Mail me two thousand special 'Signs,' Tremont Temple, Boston; rush.

K. C. Russell,
"Malden, Mass."

"Make the order special 'Signs,' Philadelphia, two thousand; rush forward.

R. A. Underwood,
"Philadelphia, Pa."

"Send us at once twenty-one hundred special 'Signs.'

"Review & Herald Pub. Assn.,
"Washington, D. C."

Several days ago proofs of the first cover page were sent out to conference presidents and others. So far as heard from, everybody seems to be pleased. Here is what some say:—

From T. E. Bowen, secretary New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y.: "I drop you a line to say that the front page of the Capital and Labor number of the 'Signs' is received, and I want to tell you that it alone is well worth the price of the paper. I think the artist has given the whole history of the warfare on the first page I look for the paper to sell very fast indeed.

"I am sure this missionary effort will result in much good. We have started the work here in New York and see results already. The brethren and sisters are taking special interest in the 'Signs,' and we believe a grand work will be accomplished in this way. There seems to be a new life taking hold of those who are not dead in trespasses and sin. This is encouraging surely, and I hope we, as workers, will seize the opportunity, and under God act as leaders to the people in His effort to make a short work here in the earth."

From Elder S. B. Horton, president of the Louisiana Conference, New Orleans, La.: "I have your letter, enclosing copy of title page of the Capital and Labor number of the 'Signs of the Times.' It is certainly complete and comprehensive in every essential. It depicts clearly the resulting conse-

quences of greed and selfishness. You could not have conceived of a better illustration, as it tells the truth from an unpartisan standpoint."

From G. W. Pettit, secretary Western Oregon Conference, Portland, Ore.: "We have in hand some copies of the Capital and Labor number of the 'Signs,' and after looking over its pages carefully, I desire to say that the work of the artists, also the work done by the writers, has gone far beyond my expectations. Others who have seen the paper have expressed themselves in like manner.

"We are in receipt of the first and second series of readings prepared for the missionary conventions. We believe that these conventions will be the means of bringing new life and energy into the work of the Western Oregon Conference.

"We are taking up the work with our church schools and asking them to devote at least one day to the sale of this paper. The school at Royal has written us, stating that the teacher and scholars have decided to do this, and although the school is small, numbering fourteen, they have placed an order for 240 copies, besides what their parents are taking. The Montavilla school has also signified its intention to fall in line, and we believe that the others will be glad to do it."

At chapel services a week ago last Sunday morning, the office employees subscribed for nearly 5,000 copies.

Orders for tracts are coming in about as freely as for the special "Signs," and our facilities are being taxed to the utmost. But notwithstanding the rush of work and long hours, a spirit of cheerfulness and devotion pervades the entire institution. All seem willing and anxious to do all they possibly can to get the work through, and in the best possible manner. Should some of the orders be delayed just a little, we trust the brethren will be patient with us. The matter contained in this paper will not be out of date for a long time to come.

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There are to be holiday editions of the German, Swedish, and Danish papers published at College View, Neb. These specials will contain twenty-four pages and cover, and will be fully illustrated. Such topics as the Signs of Our Times, the Eastern Question, and Second Coming of Christ, Labor and Capital, the Third Angel's Message, and others of equal interest will be considered.

The publishers of the "Signs of the Times" have reduced the beautiful and impressive double-page illustration which they are using in the special Labor and Capital number, for each of these foreign issues. This adds greatly to their attractiveness and will enable those who are working with the "Signs of the Times" to easily circulate these papers, for the illustration will show that they are somewhat similar.

Are there not many of our readers who know of those in their vicinity who speak these languages? If so, would it not be well to order enough copies to supply each of them?

And then there is another phase of the question which demands our attention. In the cities of New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, and Chicago there are more than four million Germans, Swedes, and Danes. There are workers who would gladly carry these truth-filled papers to this people if the papers were furnished them. They can not afford to purchase and use them themselves, however. Donations for this purpose are be-

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WHO wrote many of the Psalms, and was called "The Sweet Psalmist of Israel"? II Sam. XXIII, 1.

WHO said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want"? Psa. XXIII, 1.

WHO conquered the city of Jerusalem, made it his capital, and extended his dominion from Egypt to the Euphrates? II Sam. V, 5, 7; VIII, 3.

WHO wrote, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God"? Psa. XIV, 1.

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December 12-19 is the time appointed for the week of prayer.

"The most convincing argument for the kingdom of God that one can advance, is the exhibition of its establishment in his own heart."

There is quite a company of canvassers working in Tacoma, Wash., introducing "Great Controversy." Brother Lee Moran has charge of the company.

Elder F. D. Gauterau, who went to France from California about a year ago, has been transferred to Scotland. According to the latest reports he was laboring in Aberdeen.

A president of one conference says they are considering the advisability of placing the "Recorder" in the hands of each family in their territory. And this is a good plan, for each conference in the district to follow.

At this writing (November 29) over 300,000 copies of the Capital and Labor issue of the "Signs of the Times" have been mailed. We hope each church in each conference is adopting every means available to give this paper a wide circulation. The experience of the workers is that it sells at sight. The complete story is told on the cover page. Messengers should therefore hasten to the homes of the people and place this entering wedge, which may in many instances produce a demand for other literature on the coming of the Lord and kindred subjects.

Brother C. A. Pedicord, who was chosen as secretary of the Southern California Conference, in September tendered his resignation in order that he could take a medical course at an eastern college. The conference committee has selected Elder Charles Knight to fill the vacancy caused by Brother Pedicord's resignation.

Begin at once to plan for your annual offering. Let us make it the largest annual gift to missions that has ever gone from this conference. Arrange for the children to earn some money, so that they may have a part in it. Let us give until we feel it. With such giving our message would soon reach the ends of the earth, and the calls for gifts would be at an end.

Important instruction for the guidance of God's people in this time of trial, when the very elect will be deceived if possible, is being presented by the Spirit of God through the "Recorder," and every Seventh-day Adventist in the field should have the privilege of studying it. So brethren, if your subscription is about to expire, kindly renew it at once.

Dr. J. R. Leadsworth, writing from Riverside, Cal., says: "We are here in response to a very generous offer on the part of the proprietors of the Glenwood Tavern, to open sanitarium treatment rooms in connection with their hotel. The Glenwood is a famous tourist resort, and is said to have an equipment second to none in the world. Over five hundred guests at a time may be entertained in royal style. Many of those who come here are semi-invalids. Our desire is that we may be a channel of light to those who, perhaps, will come in contact with the truth in no other way."

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Begin to-day to lay aside for your contribution to the \$50,000 annual offering. Only a little time is left us to lay up treasure above. Pray as you plan, and He who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, will devise the plans for you.

\$50,000 annual offering to missions for 1903 means a message of courage to every lone worker in the field, and new recruits in the many fields now pleading for help. Will we do it?—By His grace, we will.
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There is no excuse for our existence as a people, if we do not push this grand truth to the front in all parts of the world.